

Business invests in satellite TV

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At the Bahamas, where signals have been received for about two years, "people rent a room just to see the sports," a clerk said.

But the owners of these two motels were unavailable to talk about their earth stations and didn't return phone calls this week.

Others with dishes on or near their places of business spoke very guardedly about their forays into the space age. Most were quick to point out that they weren't attempting to profit from the booming in of TV programming a lot of other viewers must pay to see.

Why the defensive behavior? It may be illegal to provide programs from certain pay-TV services through those earth station setups.

Home Box Office (HBO) programming, mostly movies, is an important part of most cable television systems.

A subscriber to the system pays a fee and receives HBO and other pay-TV services through a cable connected to his television set.

HBO, headquartered in New York City, has written threatening letters to companies which sell and install earth stations which can pick up its signal.

BUT KEN Stewart, who sells earth stations out of Discount Video's Farmington Hills store, says he isn't worried about the legal aspects of the sales.

"It doesn't concern the Supreme Court or the congress or anybody," Stewart said, noting that Sen. Barry Goldwater and other senators and representatives owned earth stations.

"HBO has the time and the money to take Sen. Barry Goldwater to court, but they haven't," Stewart said. "They haven't sued anybody — and won over an earth station that I know of."

"However, if someone uses the signals from a satellite for profit, there might be a case."

Representatives of HBO's New York office didn't return telephone calls made to ask their stand on earth stations.

Stewart's company sells a \$15.95 earth station for the do-it-yourselfer which will "bring in everything a cable company can provide you with." Top-of-the-line models go for around \$4,500.

Earth stations are big sellers at Discount Video, Stewart said. Some 250,000 have been sold in the four-year history of the industry, "and the majority of them have been sold last year," Stewart said.

"Inside of a year, they're expecting 250 channels to be available to viewers with earth stations," Stewart said.

"Satellites are going up all the time."

used to bounce programming back to earth are SATCOM, WESTAR, COMSTAR, CALLEXY and ANIK. The satellites, launched by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), are owned by corporations like RCA, Westinghouse and Western Electric.

Most of the dishes in this area face southwest because HBO, ESPN and other services are being bounced off the SATCOM-F3 satellite in the southwestern sky over California.

Earth stations are not to be confused with cable television, such as the MetroVision system which serves Farmington and Farmington Hills, although many services are available on both.

Cable TV wasn't available in the Farmington area when some persons, such as the Anbuts at Botsford Inn, bought their earth station.

SOME OF the satellites now being

Holiday safety counts

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• Farmington Area Jaycees Hauled Barn, on 12 Mile and Halsted, is open 7-11 p.m. today and Friday, and Oct. 20-31. Admission is \$2.

• The Farmington Community Library-Farmington branch is inviting elementary school children to an activity time filled with Halloween ghost stories, films and games starting at 2 p.m. Oct. 22. A pumpkin will be offered as a prize. Halloween stories and crafts will be offered for pre-school children starting at 2 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Farmington library branch. Kids are asked to wear a costume so they can participate in a parade through the library. A

similar program for pre-schoolers is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Oct. 20 at the 12 Mile library branch.

• The Farmington Area YMCA is sponsoring separate Halloween sleep-over parties for both elementary and middle school students. The party for elementary students is scheduled for 8 p.m. Oct. 22 at the YMCA on Farmington Road. The sleep-over will feature a late night swim, pizza, gym games, apple bobbing, treats, a costume contest and movie. Youths are asked to bring a change of clothes and sleeping bag. Fees are \$8 for members and \$12 for non-members. The sleep-over for middle school students is scheduled for 10 p.m. Oct. 29 at the local YMCA.

Candidate meetings are scheduled

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Hughes, Jack Burswell and Donn Wolf, former council members J. Alkateb and Joan Dudley and newcomers Melissa Levine and Terry Sever.

Each debate's order of business will begin with each candidate taking about three minutes to "give some background and a brief opening statement," Yavarski said. A question-and-answer period will follow.

"Anybody can ask the candidates questions," Yavarski said. "We try to let the meetings go as long as there are people around to ask questions."

The league also is compiling a Voters' Guide based on candidates' answers to questionnaires sent out by league members. Although the candidates' replies to the questionnaires are not due until Oct. 15, Yavarski said they should be available by Oct. 25, the

Farmington candidates' night. Voters also may pick up a copy of the Voters Guide at the two branches of the Farmington Community Library.

If more information is needed about the candidate nights or the Voters Guide, residents are asked to call the League at 855-0407.

A THIRD candidate forum sponsored by the Farmington Hills Parks and

Recreation Senior Adult Program, featuring only Hills candidates, is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Mercy Conference Center, 28600 11 Mile. Although the debate is open to the public, it is designed specifically for senior citizens, senior program director Loretta Conway said.

Each candidate attending the senior citizen program's election debate will have 10 minutes to "express his or her ideas or philosophies," Conway said. Candidates will then be asked to answer questions from the senior citizens in the audience, Conway said.

Senior citizens who would like more information on the afternoon debate should call Doug Gaylor at Farmington Hills City Hall, 474-6115 Ext.292.

Leadership named for UF drive

Three Farmington Hills residents have accepted leadership positions in the United Foundation 1983 Torch Drive.

The announcement was made by Thomas F. Russell, chairman and chief executive officer of Federal-Mogul Corp. and general chairman of this year's fund-raising campaign.

They are Lee Runk, vice president of the power train division of the Chrysler Corp., serving as the industrial unit group III chairman; John Slesar, vice president of industrial relations for the Rouge Steel Co., as west unit region III chairman; and Harvey Warburton, director of facilities, materials and transportation procurement for the Chrysler Corp., this year's transportation group chairman.

groups are part of the chapter campaigns unit which raise more than 97 percent of the Torch Drive total. The west unit is part of the community campaigns which solicit small businesses and offices and individual givers throughout the tri-county area.

The high rate of unemployment, government cutbacks to certain social service agencies and the increased cost of providing services have contributed to the pressing human needs of the tri-county community. This year's Torch Drive volunteer team will be asking for increased contributions to help maintain the present level of support for these services.

The reporting phase of the 35th annual Torch Drive will run from October 11 through November 10. The United Foundation Torch Drive helps pro-

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Thursday, October 13
 Celebration starts with great buys. Listen to the Franklin Village/Aires Dixieland Band from 3 till 5 p.m. Clowns will amuse you from 3 till 8 p.m. Be sure to fill out your coupon for the big drawing. Available at all the Bloomfield Plaza shops.

Friday, October 14
 Clowns, clowns and more clowns clowning around to put a smile on your face. Dixieland sounds from the Franklin Village/Aires Dixieland Band from 3 till 5 p.m. Celebration buys at all the shops. Fill out more coupons for the big prize drawing.

Saturday, October 15
 Clowns passing out Anniversary balloons from 10 till 6 p.m. Franklin Village/Aires Dixieland Band starts at 1 p.m. Get more of the prize winning coupons in for the 4 o'clock drawing.

Anniversary Prize Drawing Saturday at 4 o'clock.

- First Prize:** "The Lion's Share": A \$100 gift certificate from Machus Red Fox. Good for food and/or spirits. Plus four tickets to the Lion's game November 7, 1983 when they'll be playing the N.Y. Giants.
- Second Prize:** \$100 in gift certificates from Bloomfield Plaza Shops.
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